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## U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Completes Analysis of Greenbelt Crossings

FORT WORTH, Texas – The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers has completed its analysis of route alternatives proposed by the Oncor Electric Delivery Company to cross the Ray Roberts Lake/Lewisville Lake Greenbelt Corridor, a 20-mile multi-use trail system located between Ray Roberts Lake and Lewisville Lake, for the purpose of constructing the Krum West – Anna 345 kV CREZ Transmission Line.

The Corps evaluated six alternative routes that would cross the Greenbelt. Two of the alternative routes are north of FM 428, and four are between Highway 380 and FM 428. Of the six alternative routes, the southernmost route would cross the Greenbelt within existing ONCOR transmission line easements. These existing easements are within the limits of a common utility corridor, designated as such by the Corps of Engineers in the Lewisville Lake Master Plan Supplement of 2004.

Also included in the analysis was a No Action alternative, which would not involve the crossing of Corps lands associated with the Greenbelt. The No Action alternative was analyzed by the Corps, and it was determined not to be in the overall public interest because it would be contrary to the Public Utility Commission of Texas' (PUCT) efforts to examine a wide array of alternative routes. The evaluation of other route alternatives, including routes north of Ray Roberts Lake, are being addressed by ONCOR in their submittal to the PUCT.

Based on environmental analysis of the six alternative Greenbelt crossings, the preferred alternative of the Corps is the southernmost route within the existing ONCOR easements, and within the existing utility corridor. Based on this determination, the Corps will discontinue further consideration of the other potential alternatives which would cross the Greenbelt or outside the utility corridor.

Should this crossing be selected by the PUCT during the route selection process, ONCOR will continue to coordinate with the Corps to ensure compliance with all other applicable Corps guidelines and regulations.

Additional information is available by contacting James Murphy at the Lewisville Lake Office at 469-645-9100.

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